



Upper Uwchlan Township
Board of Supervisors Workshop

February 10, 2015

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Approved

In attendance:

Kevin Kerr, Chair

Guy Donatelli, Vice-Chair

Cathy Tomlinson, Member

Cary Vargo, Township Manager

John DeMarco, Police Chief

Jill Bukata, Treasurer

Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary

Al Gaspari, Codes Administrator

Dave Leh, P.E., Township Engineer

Matt Brown, P.E., Township Wastewater Engineer

Kevin Kerr called the Workshop to order at 4:02 p.m.

Route 100 Wastewater Treatment Plant - Phase II Mandatory Connection Ordinance

Cary Vargo introduced the draft mandatory connection ordinance. With public sewer becoming available to (3) older neighborhoods through the Phase II expansion of the Route 100 WWTF, it will be the Township's intent to require connection to public sewer by all residential properties within 150 feet of public sewer infrastructure for that WWTF; the 150' is compliant with the Second Class Township Code.

Cathy Tomlinson questioned the definition of a "principal" structure. Matt Brown will discuss with the Solicitor. Cathy Tomlinson also questioned what is meant by 'industrial waste'. Matt Brown explained that term means waste from a business in an 'industrial' district, and businesses have to meet non-residential pre-treatment requirements.

Fellowship Road and Conestoga Road (Route 401) - Safety Improvements

Cary Vargo summarized the increased accident rate and previous safety improvements to the intersection of Fellowship Road and Conestoga Road (State Route 401). The speed limits on Route 401 approaching that intersection are 35 mph and 45 mph depending on which direction you are traveling. McMahon Associates conducted a traffic study which counted over 6,100 vehicles traversing the intersection daily. The angle of the intersection presents safety issues and collisions are increasing. Of the recent 25 reportable accidents ("reportable" meaning there were injuries or towing was necessary), 67% would've been avoidable if there was a traffic signal in place. Upper Uwchlan Township Public Works and Police departments have made some changes to upgrade the intersection but it's still problematic. Further safety improvements were included in the Township's 2015 budget and we're suggesting a traffic signal be installed, rather than constructing a roundabout. This signal wouldn't be coordinated with the rest of township's traffic signals as it's too far removed from the flow.

Kevin Kerr questioned the maintenance costs. Cary Vargo replied that the electricity would be the greatest factor; the maintenance contract for bulbs and such would be included in the contract with the other signals in the township.

PennDOT has approved the signal plan but would like Township to pursue grant funding for left-turn lanes from Route 401 onto Fellowship Road. The signal equipment will be located where it won't need to be moved in the future with those left-turn lane additions. We'll have to investigate if the current right-of-way is wide enough for the turn-lane additions or will the Township need to acquire?

The Board of Supervisors will be asked at their February 18 meeting to adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of the traffic signal application to PennDOT for approval.

Fellowship Fields Fieldhouse - Professional Services

Cary Vargo advised that with the synthetic field in place at Fellowship Fields - which was accomplished via a partnership with the Marsh Creek Eagles, Grand Sport Auto's "Believe and Achieve Foundation", and the Township – the Marsh Creek Eagles have approached the Township and Grand Sport Auto with a proposal to construct a fieldhouse to round out the facility. The Township had discussed the project last year and included funds in the 2015 Capital budget. The project costs will be split with the Township funding the design, utility coordination (electric, water, sewer), and engineering compliant with the Second Class Township Code. An Agreement will be drawn up to include "Believe and Achieve Foundation", the Marsh Creek Eagles and the Township prior to entering into an Agreement with the General Contractor. Wayne DiMarco, of MAS, provided a quote for General Contracting Services.

Disposition of Township Property – Approval of Vehicle Sales

Two Township vehicles were being replaced and listed for bid via electronic Municibid. The high bid for the 2005 Ford Explorer from the Police Department was \$2,900.00; the high bid for the Public Works Department's 2006 Ford F350 utility pick-up truck with an 8' snow plow was \$9,700.00. Guy Donatelli moved, seconded by Cathy Tomlinson, to accept the high bids for the vehicles. So moved.

Township Manager's Report

Cary Vargo briefly highlighted several projects, as follows: a Storm Water Authority Feasibility Study kick-off meeting was held today, stepping through all analysis of existing and needed storm water infrastructure. Lindsay Haines' work completing a PaDEP Grant Application netted an award of over \$143,000, which will reimburse a portion of the Township's 2010 recycling toter purchase and those funds will be received this year. The 3-Year Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Contract is up for bid the year. The bid specifications are being revised and distributed for the Board's review late February/early March. It is hoped we'll eventually cut trash disposal quantity by half. A password management policy and software system instructions were distributed to Staff this morning. Sunoco Mariner East submitted a building permit application. The Escrow Agreement and Performance Bond for the project have been received; although Sunoco didn't have to get land development approval, they've complied with all Township ordinances and Consultants' comments. The Contract with the Police Officers will be before the Board for approval at their February 18 meeting. The Tax Collector is working with Lindsay Haines on the fire hydrant 'tax' audit. Land Development plans were submitted for the County's emergency voice radio tower project and the Planning Commission will accept for Consultants' review at their February 12 meeting. Trail and parking lot construction has ceased at Upland Farm due to the weather, however several underground oil tanks and a septic tank were removed with no contamination present.

Kevin Kerr questioned the location of the Upland Farm trail(s). Cary Vargo and Dave Leh advised the trails are following Ray Ott's Master Plan for Upland Farm.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Kevin Kerr adjourned the Workshop at 4:37 p.m., the Board took a brief recess and proceeded to an Executive Session regarding personnel and legal matters.

Respectfully submitted,
Gwen A. Jonik
Township Secretary